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COORDINATING COMMITTEEInterpretation of Item 1088 (b): Gear Making MachineryMemorandum by the United Kingdom Delegation

1. The definition of sub-item (b) reads as follows;
"Gear making and/or finishing machinery:
(b) capable of the production of a module finer than 0.5m.m.
(diametral pitch finer than 48)"
2. During discussion of the item in the recent Review, attention was drawn by several delegates to the fact that this definition was open to differing interpretations. It could indeed be taken to embargo practically all gear making machinery of any size since most machines are theoretically capable of producing very fine gears, although in practice, for a variety of reasons, large machines would not be used for making very fine gears. The United Kingdom authorities are however satisfied that it was never the intention of the Committee that the sub-item should be interpreted in this way.
3. The Committee spent some time in trying to devise a more satisfactory definition and a Working Group of experts proposed that all machines with a maximum work-piece capacity of "x" inches or more should be excluded from embargo. Figures of 2 inches and 4 inches were suggested for "x". Since, however, one delegation was unable to accept the lower (less restrictive) figure, which had the support of other delegations, agreement was not reached and the former definition therefore stands.
4. In these circumstances, the United Kingdom authorities believe that it may be of assistance to the Committee to know how they are interpreting the sub-item. The principles they have adopted to implement Item 1088 (b) are as follows:-
 - (1) All machines with a maximum work piece capacity of 4 inches or more are regarded as free from embargo.
 - (2) Machines with a maximum work piece capacity of less than 4 inches will be considered individually and each case will be decided on its merits; cases of doubt will be reported to the Committee before a final decision is taken.

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